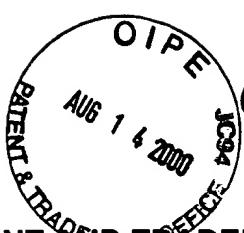


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Applicants : Kitagishi

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For : **PLATE-LIKE POLARIZING ELEMENT, A POLARIZING CONVERSION UNIT PROVIDED WITH THE ELEMENT, AND A PROJECTOR PROVIDED WITH THE UNIT**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 1, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the proposed amendments and requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

36. (Thrice Amended) A polarizing device comprising:

a transparent plate which has a polarizing beam splitting surface on one surface and a reflection surface on the other surface, wherein light is incident on said [substrate] transparent plate from said one surface side to be split into reflected light and transmitted light by said polarizing beam splitting surface so that the transmitted light is directed to said other surface and the transmitted light is caused to pass through said one surface by reflection by said reflection surface; and

a half wavelength plate for causing polarizing directions of the transmitted light and the reflected light which have been split by said polarizing beam splitting

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